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**In re Application of:**

Vogels et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/444,284

**Filed:** November 19, 1999

**For:** GENE DELIVERY VECTORS  
PROVIDED WITH A TISSUE TROPISM  
FOR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS, AND/OR  
ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

**Confirmation No.:** 8464

**Examiner:** S. Chen, Ph.D.

**Group Art Unit:** 1632

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2578-4231US

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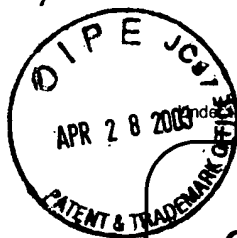
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 23, 2002 and the comments in the Advisory Action of November 26, 2002, please amend the referenced application as follows:



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Filing Date	November 19, 1999
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1469
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$375.00 and \$725.00 enclosed
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